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For: HIGH STRENGTH Mg BASED ALLOY AND Mg BASED
CASTING ALLOY AND ARTICLE MADE OF THE ALLOY

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 & 1.98

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

January 28, 2002

Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a copy of an European Search Report in connection with a European patent application corresponding to the above-identified application. Also enclosed are copies of the documents cited in this European Search Report, as well as a Form, substantially equivalent to Form PTO-1449, listing the cited documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application, but prior to issuance of a Final rejection or closing of prosecution on the merits in the above-

identified application. For satisfying the requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(c), enclosed is the necessary fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p). See 37 CFR 1.97(c)(2).

To the extent that the enclosed documents are not in English, requirements of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) are satisfied by the enclosed search report.

In view of all of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with present submission of the enclosed documents. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed documents, upon further examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 503.39364X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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